

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

SENATE

Measure Introduced:

S. 986. *A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... This bill will give federal judges the discretion to allow for the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting and televising of federal court proceedings. The Sunshine in the Courtroom Act will help the public become better informed about the judicial process. Moreover, this bill will help produce a healthier judiciary. Increased public scrutiny will bring about greater accountability and help judges to do a better job. The sun needs to shine in on the federal courts..."

Grassley

Pages S 5831, S 5836-8

Measure Reported:

S. 507, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America. (Senate Report No. 107-28)

Pages S 5830, D 526

S. 1. Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization:

Senate resumed consideration of S. 1, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Kennedy (for Wyden) Amendment No. 625 (to Amendment No. 358), to make a technical correction.

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Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 358, in the nature of a substitute.

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Biden Amendment No. 386 (to Amendment No. 358), to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, by providing school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools.

Pages S 5811, D 527

Helms Amendment No. 648 (to Amendment No. 574), in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S 5812, D 527

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending **Wellstone/Feingold Modified Amendment No. 465 (to Amendment No. 358)**, and a certain amendment to be proposed to the bill, on Wednesday, June 6, 2001, with a vote on **Wellstone/Feingold Modified Amendment No. 465 (to Amendment No. 358)**, to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Pages S 5821, D 527

Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Janet Rehnquist, of Virginia, to be *Inspector General*, Department of Health and Human Services.

Deborah J. Daniels, of Indiana, to be an *Assistant Attorney General*.

Richard R. Nedelkoff, of Texas, to be *Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance*.

John P. Walters, of Michigan, to be *Director of National Drug Control Policy*.

Pages S 5841-2, D 527-8

Executive Communication:

EC-2095. A communication from the White House Liaison, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*, Department of Justice, received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of June 6 Through June 9, 2001:

Committee on the Judiciary: 6/6/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

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Remark:

Drug Enforcement Administration.

Grassley

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2047. A bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Coble

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H.R. 2048. *A bill to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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H.R. 2055. A bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on *Federal and federally funded construction projects*; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Johnson

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H.R. 2056. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act *to revise the filing deadline for certain claims* under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Kaptur

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2060. A bill to prevent plant enterprise terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition

to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Nethercutt

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Reports Filed:

Reports filed today are as follows:

H.R. 718, to protect individuals, families, and Internet service providers from unsolicited and unwanted electronic mail, amended (House Report 107-41 Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 156, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (House Report 107-87).

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Resignation from the House of Representatives--First District of Florida:

Read a letter from **Representative Scarborough** wherein he announced his intention to resign from his position as the United States Representative for Florida's First Congressional District, effective September 6, 2001.

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Consideration of Suspensions on Wednesday, June 6:

Agreed that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 6 for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures:

H.R. 1209, Child Status Protection Act; and

H.R. 1914, *Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Extension*.

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Petitions:

19. Also, a petition of the Council on Administrative Rights, relative to a Resolution *petitioning the United States Congress to seek redress from crime at all levels*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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21. Also, a petition of the Council on Administrative Rights, relative to a Resolution *petitioning the United States Congress to provide universal healthcare coverage to all American citizens*; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on **H.R. 1542**, Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, June 6, 2001.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of June 6 Through June 9, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations, 6/7/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on *Bureau of Prisons*. H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations, 6/7/01 @ 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives, and on the Architect of the Capitol. H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, 6/6/01 @ 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on H.R. 1900, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001. 2175 Rayburn.
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Committee on the Judiciary, 6/6/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 6/7/01 @ 9:30 a.m. , Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Constitutional Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Competition for Federal Social Service Funds. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 6/7/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Courts, Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the Operations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including Review of Agency Funding. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 6/7/01 @ 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on “*The Ethics of Cloning.*” 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, 6/6/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on *Federal Prison Industries*-Unfair competition with small business, focusing on **H.R. 1577, Federal Prison Industries** Competition in Contracting Act of 2001. 2360 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Health Care. (*HMO reform discussed*)

Pallone

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Tax Cuts And Patients’ Bill Of Rights.

“... So when we look at this issue of Federal-versus-State jurisdiction, we need to look at a few questions: whether the proposed legislation is within the core functions of the Federal system; whether the Federal courts have the capacity to take on new business without additional resources or restructuring and the extent to which proposed legislation is likely to affect the caseload in the Federal courts; whether the Federal courts have the capacity to perform their core functions and fulfill their mandate for ‘just, speedy and inexpensive determination of actions.’ [] Why do the **Federal judges** not want this jurisdiction? Number one, it has never been in the Federal courts. It has always been in the States. Number two, practically speaking, they do not think they can handle this. If one wants a speedy adjudication and a speedy determination to resolve a dispute, do not go to the Federal courts, believe me, particularly if they would like to avoid costly litigation, because it is lengthy and costly in the Federal courts and anyone who proposes moving all of this to the Federal courts is ignoring a fact in this country...”

Ganske

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Remarks (Cont’d.):

Require A Report On The Operations Of The State Justice Institute. (H.R. 2048)

“... I rise to introduce legislation that will require the Attorney General to submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary regarding the effectiveness of the State Justice Institute (SJI or the Institute”). The report would be due by October 1, 2002...”

Coble

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The Patent And Trademark Office Authorization Act Of 2002. **(H.R. 2047)**

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Remarks On Racial Profiling And Rep. Wu's Treatment At The Department Of Energy.

Reyes

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., June 6, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., June 6, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich